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Superintendent forecasts gloomy future

By Edward J. Cooney

SUTTON - The October 26 School Committee meeting convened at its regular time with all members present.

Budget

Superintendent Gordon Spence gave an overview of the budget situation which he noted has been repeated many times over the past several months. He said the information needs to be repeated to make people aware what the town of Sutton is facing in regards to the future of its educational system.

He started by noting the reduction of $32,000 coming out of the last town meeting which impacts on this year's budget.

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> **Superintendent Gordon Spence**

Spence said that local appropriations have gone up only four one-thousands of a percent in the past two years. "The question can be raised from the community," he said, "'How can they give salary increases? How can they get away without cutting staff as the town comes up within two years of a net of only $15,000?' The answer," Spence said, "is that you (committee) simply did it by utilizing the tuition revenue and the anticipated revenue from Special Education of $29,000 which we usually don't plan on. We also received $122,000 in grant monies from the state which I call 'operation survival.' I charged salaries to that grant," Spence said. "In our

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Holiday Craft Fair in Sutton

SUTTON - Preparing for St. Mark's Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7, l-r: Mary Elizabeth Suprenant (seated), Ann Zimage, Doris Lacouture, Sylvia Stepien, Linda Kilcoyne, Karen Roux, Bertha Gvazdauskas, Theresa Eisnor, Patty Royce, Linda Catallozzi, and Kim Hunkeler. The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature handmade crafts, children's activities, pictures with Santa, a white elephant table, refreshments, and raffles, including one for a chance to win an original chalkware 16-inch German Father Christmas donated by Vaillancourt Folk Art and Friends of Sutton.

Voters approve recall petition

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Voters at the October 27 Special Town Meeting approved five of the first six articles without debate or discussion. The five were citizen-petitioned. They included an article to seek an enabling act by petitioning the General Court to provide for a recall petition as part of the town by-laws. The by-law would have to be voted on at a general election.

Voters also approved a petition to the General Court to enact legislation enabling the town to have a provision in its by-laws for referendum petitions initiated by petition of registered voters.

An article was approved to amend the by-laws and add to a section of the by-law governing town meetings, the requirement that department heads of the town be in attendance at town meetings to be available to address and provide information relative to any pertinent articles relating to their department.

Voters also amended a town bylaw to require that "All town officers and employees shall perform the duties and responsibilities of their office in a manner fully consistent with the code of ethics and conflict of interest requirements established by General laws, Chapter 268A."

Article 6, to change the date for the annual election from the second Tuesday in April to the second Saturday in May, was defeated following a debate by article proponent Sylvio Bourdeau, of Leslie Lane, and Town Clerk Dave Matson, who spoke in opposition.

Bourdeau said the Saturday date would provide more opportunities for people to vote. He cited vote tallies for both Tuesday and Saturday elections that showed averages similar to figures provided by the Town Clerk.

Matson argued that the tallies showed that more people turn out to vote on Tuesdays than Saturdays.

Bourdeau attributed two occasions in the past five years where the voter turnout was heavier on Tuesdays to the charter question on the ballot both of those years.

Ray Bricault, of JFK Drive, also argued for Saturday, suggesting that with two people working in most households, a Saturday would give parents a more relaxed opportunity to vote on a non-working day. He also said the day should be chosen for the benefit of the voters and not the Town.

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Auntie Em...Auntie Em...

CHRONICLE photos by Alexander A. Bellsie

MILLBURY - Employees of Fidelity Co-operative Bank had more than Halloween fun in mind when they dressed as characters from the "Wizard of Oz" last Friday. The employees were seeking contributions to benefit a Fitchburg youth who is suffering from leukemia. (l-r) Paulette Roy as the Tin Man, Debbie Smith as the Scarecrow, Marylou Drapeau as Dorothy, Maribeth Maxwell and Glenda, Judy Pappas as the Lion, and Laura-Lee Quinn as the Witch.

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We The People

Thank You

The Millbury Lioness Club would like to thank all who attended and supported our recent Pancake Breakfast. Your support and generosity is always appreciated.
Thanks again.
Millbury Lioness Club

Thank You

The tenants at the Linden Apartments, 2 Pearl Street, would like to thank the Lions Club for the spaghetti and meatball dinner they gave us. We enjoyed the meal, also the singing and entertainment.
Thank you as always.
Ann Rano

Plea for Adoption of greyhounds

To the Editor:

I'm writing on behalf of Greyhound Placement Service (GPS). We want to let people know that, once again, Greyhounds are in need of help. There have been many articles in many recent publications about the plight of the Greyhound. Here's how you can help locally. Call (207)439-3754 in Kettery Point, ME or (508)462-7973 in Salisbury, MA.

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There was a quarantine, throughout New England, that was lifted just a few short weeks ago. There are 2 Greyhound tracks closing this month for the season. One in northern N.H. and one in VT. GPS gets calls from owners all over New England to place their dogs. All of these factors will lead to the destruction of literally hundreds of healthy dogs. Do you have the time and love to commit to adopting a Greyhound? Do you know someone who does? Please call us. We need your help. More importantly the greyhounds need your help. If a Greyhound isn't the pet for you, visit your local animal shelter. Shelter pets need homes, too. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.
Phyliena J. Knowles
GPS Secretary
Seabrook, NH

Another Point of View

A Rose by any Other Name

By Lawrence Moore

China has just dropped the other shoe! Almost lost in the World Wire column on the International News page of the Wall Street Journal was a 10 line article the effect of which will resonate throughout the globe in the 21st Century. If ignored by the United States, it will without a doubt challenge our position as a (hopefully) dominant and growing economic power.

Stop a minute and absorb these figures: China, as of 1988, had a population of 1,064,000,000. That's over a billion! COMBINED, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain and the old Soviet Union totalled 1,043,477...COMBINED!

Consider that China, like the Soviet Union, is slowly but surely trending toward a market economy. Our imports are increasing faster than our exports.

Stop again, and try to guess what news spurred my interest.....I'll give any odds that you're wrong.

Sit down and read this: Japan has agreed to help China set up an office to supervise trade and industry policy! You know that MITI in Japan planned and directed the industrial complex that enabled Japan to become an economic superpower. That structure guided relationships with business, subsidies and tax breaks. With Japan's help, China will set up an Office of Economics And Trade to hasten its shift to a market economy.

It will take a few years, but consider the long range effect of the production and consumption power of those billions of Chinese people. Consider, too, that in 1997 China will take over Hong Kong, another 5,500,000 people, one of the most productive groups in the world. Is Japan blundering? NO WAY! They see the market potential of those billions.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, we argue about industrial policy, keeping government out of business, regulation and deregulation, lack of business start-ups, credit tightness, and all the other mish-mash. As Perot says, lots of talk, lots of plans, but nothing gets done.

Isn't it time we realized that the post-war world has made it impossible for a purely private and independently entrepreneurial system to progress in a restricting, confining, and antiquated government environment? Gingerly we attempt to change. Congress tripled the size of its Small Business Innovation Research program to almost $1 billion a year! That's to help companies transform laboratory research into real-world products. Senators Riegle and Danforth seek to enhance tax credits for cooperative research. Senator Lieberman wants to increase tax credits for cooperative research from 20% to 50%.

Bits and pieces, half-way measures, on-again off-again policies won't cut it. Isn't it time we ceased being shocked by the words "Industrial Policy" and created a government environment of cooperation, guidance and incentive to harness and expand our economic capacity? Isn't it time for the United States to have a plan for economic growth in the 21st Century? Call it what you will, a rose by any other name is still a rose.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

SUSAN WHITERELL art exhibition opening reception from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Millbury Public Library.

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MILLBURY - The annual celebration of World Community Day, sponsored by the Millbury-Sutton Council of Churchwomen United, will take place at St. Brigid's Church, 59 Main St., at 1 p.m.

MILLBURY - Millbury Pee-Wee Basketball Tag Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SUTTON - St. Mark's Church, 356 Boston Road, will sponsor a Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church will hold its 60th Annual Turkey Supper with three sittings by ticket only at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

MILLBURY - An evening of music at the Federated Church, 7 p.m. Refreshments and child care.

MILLBURY - Millbury Pee-Wee Basketball Tag Day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

MILLBURY - The Millbury MBTA Advisory Committee will hold a Public Information Forum to solicit citizen input over the proposed MBTA commuter rail station in East Millbury at 7:15 in the Millbury High School cafeteria.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

MILLBURY - "Skate for Woolie World" from 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. at Wheels Roller Skating Center on Howe Avenue. Admission $5.

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end-of-year report to the state, it notes that we are going to be spending less on the local level, which means on our EEO monies which got bumped up from $123,000 to $157,000. We can't continue to spend less funds and expect the state to continue to give us monies. Hopefully, in FY '93, we won't receive a deduction in our cherry sheet. For this year, we find it hard that we had to expend those grant funds on non-direct rather than direct pupil expenditures.

"I am optimistic on school reform, as we can do well as we are $1007 less than the average per pupil cost," Spence continued. "They are targeting $5700 per pupil as foundation monies for every child in the schools in the Commonwealth. We are in a position to receive $1800 more per pupil, and if you multiply that by 1221, you're talking over an additional $1.2 million that we will need to be average. I get sick and tired of hearing, 'How do you do it?' The answer is, we do it by creative ways and playing the figures all ways. We do it by administrative staff people searching out every dollar available. If we can get an EEO grant, it will mean that we are spending less than 85% of the per pupil average in the Commonwealth. When it's stated we are spending too much on salaries or we are spending too much on this or that, it makes me ill," he said. "The bottom line is, how did we get $157,000 in EEO monies? It's because they say we are not making a local effort. I don't think that with the effort we are making we will continue to get that money. The good news is, I think school reform will bail us out. The Roosevelt Plan means you will have to modify 2 1\2, and in the Birmingham Plan, there will be a 1% sales tax which makes me not too optimistic in that sense," he said. "They are also going to plug into the formula for the assessed value of property and the local incomes of the population. I am afraid that will show the local effort is not there. I fear for the future of this school system if we do not get funding for programs, supplies, and texts. The message has to get out."

Spence noted the shortcomings in some areas that need upgrading, such as maintenance, the libraries, and the music department. "This superintendent has had to eliminate almost everything he has built up over 20 years," he said. "I am sick and tired of hearing, 'How does he do it?' It's done by not spending monies on programs that other schools are doing."

Roach said she did not want a repeat of the situation the committee faced this year on the budget. "We just got by by the skin of our teeth this time. How do we get the message out," she asked. "The $122,000 grant helped us balance the budget while other communities were able to add staff and do things beyond what we could do. I want to make the community aware that if school reform gets hung up again, we will be hung out to dry. We have to work with the Selectmen and the Finance Committee, starting now. It's serious," she said.

Committeewoman Alison Snyder agreed with Roach. "We, as a committee, have to be aggressive during this budget round. People should not see this as a surprise," she said. "I personally think we should have made a stronger stand (at the town meeting), that this is a reduction ($32,000) we can't stand."

The Committee and the Superintendent agreed to attend a meeting requested by the Selectmen on November 10th.

Principal Replacement

Sutton resident Ned Bacon presented a plea for the appointment of a principal to replace Ed Grant who is presently on leave and will retire effective January 22, 1993 as Principal at the High School.

"The appointment of a new principal is an opportunity that has not come down the road for a long time, thanks to Ed Grant's long and faithful service," Bacon said. "There is an opportunity to synthesize the vision for the future and an opportunity to appoint a principal who will work towards synthesizing that vision. The principles of professional integrity and accountability to the community at large are at stake in the process in the selection of selecting a new principal," he continued, "and must honor the school community, students, teachers, parents, administrators, school committee and the taxpayers. It is larger than individual interests and personalities."

Bacon pleaded for a rigorous process to find the right person. "We owe that much to the ultimate successor as we do to the community at large," he said.

Former school committee member Elizabeth Bacon also spoke on behalf of appointing a new principal. "I want to urge all of you to take stock in Sutton and in yourself. The next principal needs a mandate to try new ways to address tough issues that face education today," she said. "We, in Sutton, are not immune to those tough issues. We must view this period as a time for self-evaluation and self-discovery. The High School Principalship is a very important position in our community; one regarded with respect and honor. The process for the selection of this person must be of the highest professionalism. During this most important time," she continued, "do not isolate Sutton from the ideas happening around us. Open our community to a rigorous, thorough process that will do honor to the person chosen."

(The Committee has not discussed in length with the Superintendent when a replacement will be made or what process will be used to make the appointment.)

Later on in this meeting, the Committee did approve extending the acting roles of Vito Filipkowski as High School Principal and Beverly Brown as Assistant Superintendent to June 30, 1993. Brown is also Elementary School Principal.

Self-Evaluation Study

Michel Perron, Guidance Director at the High School, gave a brief overview of the upcoming self-evaluation study that will begin the process for accreditation by the visiting committee from the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, a private accrediting agency.

Perron outlined the time frame for the process, which he said begins with establishing a steering committee, school and community committee, and a philosophy committee, before the process of self-evaluation begins this January. He also noted that the separate learning areas, similar to a curriculum evaluation which looks at standards, will begin late in this school year and carry over to the following school year.

"The visiting committee will be coming to Sutton High to judge whether we are doing what we say we are doing," Perron said, "and can make recommendations for areas needing remedies and also commend us for areas where we are doing a good job." That visit will occur October 2-5, 1995.

Superintendent Gordon Spence suggested that the cost for the study, estimated to be $10,000, could be picked up in 1995, possibly from school reform if it goes through as written.

Perron also indicated that the steering committee will be looking at the processes for including school committee members, parents, students, and community representatives during the self-evaluation part of the study.

Committeewoman Linda Roach noted that the committee has already approved ten released-time days for the self-evaluation.

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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

When you read this column, we will know the results of the 1992 election. As I write this week, many of us are anxious to find out what the results will be. This has been a most fascinating year of election. Through the various mediums available to us, we are certainly able to be well informed: perhaps too much. But then again, with all that we have been told, there has arisen a skepticism so that some are saying they don't know who to believe or for whom they should vote.

The presidential race has overshadowed all other issues. I wonder if we have made something out of this office that never was intended by the founders of our country. Right now it is the most powerful office in the world, let alone in our country. The United States now is the only surviving Super Power, and the President is the Commander-in-Chief of the most powerful military force that has ever been known on the face of the earth. Why, may I ask, does the President have to be commander-in-chief? Shouldn't that be someone who has been trained in military affairs? The answer, I believe, is that our military is to be a civilian army and under the control of a civilian government, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people...."

In our adult Sunday School class, we are studying the Book of 1st Samuel. Samuel is a priest who is also the leader of the nation of Israel. The people come to him and demanded a king like the other nations. Samuel tried to warn them what a king would demand of them. "He will take your sons and make them serve in the military. Your daughters to be perfumers, and cooks, and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth and give it to officials and attendants. He will take a tenth of your flocks and you yourselves will become his slaves. You will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But they insisted on their king and you know the rest of the story. "He governs best who governs least." God bless America. Amen.

Industrial arts equipment

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Committee has authorized the sale of industrial arts equipment not being used by industrial arts classes. Interested residents should contact Thomas Hamilton at 865-9501 for more information.

50's-60's Dance

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold its 5th Annual 50-60's Dance on Saturday, November 14, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Dudley Gendron Post, Sutton. DJ Joe Coggans will provide entertainment. Contests, raffles and door prizes will be available. Tickets are $6.00. For more information or tickets, call 865-9698 or 865-3696.

This year at the dance, a "mystery couple" who has supported the Lioness dances over the years will be chosen to receive a weekend holiday for two. Join in the fun and see if you are the lucky couple.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-13
MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Pan Roll/Butter, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Rib-b-q Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, FF, Corn, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Veterans Day, no school
THURSDAY: Juice, Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, FF, Pudding
FRIDAY: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, FF, Tossed Salad
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MONDAY: Hot Dog/Roll, FF, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Juice, Chickenburger/Roll OR Pizza, Lettuce, Potato Puffs, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Veterans Day, no school
THURSDAY: Salisbury Steak/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Corn, Pan Roll/Butter, Animal Crackers
FRIDAY: Juice, Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, Pudding

Skate for Woolie World

MILLBURY - On Friday, November 13, from 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., "Skate for Woolie World" at Millbury's new Wheels Roller Skating Center on Howe Avenue. A raffle will be held for a pair of Eclipse in Line roller skates by Roller Derby. Admission will be $5 at the door.

An Evening of Music

MILLBURY - The Millbury Federated Church, Main Street, will present its third annual concert on Saturday, November 7, at 7 p.m. The evening will feature a variety of musical entertainment, including: the Millbury men of Song, solos, choirs, guitars, banjos, trios, handbells, hymn singing at its best, the Youth Band, pianists, and even "barbershopping." All this, and refreshments and child care too!

Women's Bowling League

Pat Gaspar had High Triple with strings of 104/93/125 for a 322 game. Bowling over 100 were: Pat Gaspar, 104/125; Ellen Bouvier, 121; Kathy Marble, 106; Gloria Chichy, 104; Joanne Gabree, 103; Mary Jo Boire, 102; Charlotte Gabree, 101; and Alice Lucier, 100.

TEAM STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST
1	#5 Sisters Plus One	36	112
1	#1 Patti's Pin-Ups	32	16
2	#3 The Shadows	31	17
3	#6 Gail's Gabbers	22	26
4	#2 Kathy's Marbles	14	34
5	#4 Joanie & the Jets	9	39

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar 99.6; Kathy Marble 96.9; Charlotte Gabree 96.7

HIGH SINGLE
Pat Gaspar 130
Charlotte Gabree 128
Ellen Bouvier 125
Kathy Marble 125

HIGH TRIPLE
Kathy Marble 330
Charlotte Gabree 328
Pat Gaspar 322

Annual Turkey Supper

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will hold its 60th Annual Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 7, with three sittings by ticket only at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. This family-style dinner will include Roast Turkey and all the fixings. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office on Boston Road, Tuesday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are $6.00 for adults and $3.00 for preteens. There is no charge for children five and under.

Holiday Craft Show

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church, Sutton Common, will host a Holiday Craft Fair November 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair is a scholarship fundraiser sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of Sutton. There will be a wide variety of hand crafted items, pies, and baked goods. Lunch will be served. Be sure to look in the children's room for special activities.

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Town employees vote to go union

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - During the Town Administrator's Update at the Selectmen's October 27 meeting, the full board was told by Dexter Blois that all town employees, other than the police dispatchers and those working for the School Department, have elected to be represented by a union. The employees voted to choose the Teamsters to represent them after meeting with several labor organizations. Blois said he was notified by the Labor Relations Board that the Teamsters received 30% of the employees' votes.

Blois said the Board now must decide whether they voluntarily will recognize the Teamsters as bargaining agents for town employees or require them to take another vote with bargaining rights going to the organization that receives 50% of the vote. Two units are required: one for the police dispatchers and one for all other employees not employed by the school department.

The board voted unanimously to require the unions to vote to determine who will bargain for them.

Earth Removal Board

Representatives of the Earth Removal Board (ERB) came before the selectmen seeking approval of an amendment to their rules and regulations.

The selectmen were told that an applicant submitted a plan that was not covered by the ERB by-laws. The application sought permission to mine property zoned both industrial and residential. There was no regulation which governed that contingency.

The ERB unanimously adopted the amendment.

It was noted that Town Counsel advised against the amended bylaw.

Selectwoman Mary K. Connor commented that her original reservations regarding the by-law were dispelled after careful study of the amendment. She said it seemed that town counsel was offering an opinion regarding property lines rather than zoning lines which is what the ERB amendment addressed.

According to copies of the proposed by-law which the ERB presented to the selectmen, the amendment would affect applicants with ownership of property encompassing both residential and industrial zoned land. If such an owner wishes to mine the residentially zoned land not subject to an earth removal permit granted under the Earth Removal By-law, then the applicant must meet several requirements, including: no removal below the natural grade; protection of adjacent residential property from safety and nuisance factors must be assured through screening; and no excavation within 100 feet of residentially zoned properties.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

Kuchinski Property

Blois told the board that Sutton has taken a piece of the Kuchinski land at the corner of Burnap Rd. and Central Tpke as a permanent easement for highway purposes. Blois said Kuchinski has accepted the town's settlement "pro tanto," which means that he has taken the money offered but still retains the right to file a claim against the town for three years.

According to Blois, Kuchinski still owns the approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of property which he can use as part of frontage requirements for a house lot.

Blois said the road should be repaired and fully operational before the onset of winter.

Hartness Road Update

Blois reported on the Bankruptcy Court hearing for Sutton Valley Corp. on October 23. Sutton Valley Corp., developers of Colonial Acres, sought to borrow $300,000 as part of its reorganization. According to Blois, this amount would allow them to complete the installation of the sewers and Sutton Valley could then begin building homes. Blois said the bankruptcy judge felt the proposal did not offer creditors enough protection and denied their motion to borrow the $300,000.

Blois also said Sutton filed a petition with the court to have the $90,000 cash bond which it holds released to the town. Sutton Valley Corp. has listed the $90,000 cash it was required to post before construction as an asset. Because of this, the court must release the money which the town plans to use to resurface Hartness Road and other areas excavated by Sutton Valley Corp.

Sutton's petition will be heard November 19. Blois said he testified before the court that Sutton needs the money to restore the roads. He said the court might not allow the town to use the money until the project gets underway again or until the project is discontinued. In the meantime, the selectmen want the road stabilized for the winter to avoid the problems that occurred last year.

Johnson said he resented having to use town money to restore and resurface the roads excavated by Sutton Valley Corp. He strongly urged that the town recover all the monies - the $90,000 cash bond and the insurance bond - to restore the roads for the residents.

Assessors and Rebates

Blois told the board that town counsel informed him that a settlement is imminent between the town and the Concerned Sutton Taxpayers.

Selectman Dana Gravison said he was told by two of the taxpayers, Jim Gvazdauskas and Ed Gedman, that a settlement has been reached and rebates will be forthcoming. He asked if the town had the $20,000 for 1991 rebates and $20,000 for '92 rebates.

Blois assured him that that money was set aside for that purpose.

Connor commented that this issue should put to rest the unfounded rumor that the town did not have the funds to pay the rebates. She added that she had talked to the assessors who suggested that members of the board meet with them so that they can walk through a card with them showing how evaluations are done.

Board Chairman Wally Johnson said the board must also investigate charges regarding the negative attitude of the assessors which was brought up during an October meeting with the Taxpayers and the selectmen.

Oil Tanks

Gravison asked about the disposition of the oil tank discovered on the site of the proposed Unity Park in Wilkinsonville. According to Sutton Fire Chief John Peterson, the tank will be emptied, cleaned, and removed to another site. The total cost for this is estimated to be around $300 to dispose of the sludge.

Peterson also told the board that there has been one leaking underground oil storage tank removed from another Sutton site. He said removal of that 1,000 gallon tank and 40 yards of contaminated soil cost $12,000.

Johnson said he was trying to identify where other tanks are located and encouraged residents with old underground oil tanks to remove them before any problems occur. He said the cost to remove an undamaged tank is between $500 and $1,000 compared to the $12,000 it will cost to remove one which has leaked.

Tag Day

MILLBURY - Millbury Pee-Wee Basketball will hold a Tag Day on Friday evening, November 6th, and Saturday morning, November 7th. Your generosity will be appreciated.

First Fall Fair

MILLBURY - The District Nursing Society Adult Day Care Center, 450 Colonial Drive, will hold its first fall fair at the Center on Friday, November 20, from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, November 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any questions, call Donna Mitchell, activity director, at 865-1401.

Participants have been busy making items for the fair. Featured will be handmade crafts, homemade food items, a white elephant table, and a coffee "and" cafe. A quilt made by one of the participants and two afghans will be raffled as well as other items. Santa will be there for pictures on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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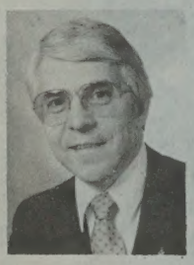
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SUTTON - Due to the renovation of the Sutton Public Library each weekday by the students from Blackstone Valley Technical Regional High School, it has become necessary to change the opening time on Fridays to 2 p.m. Noon openings on that day will resume after construction is complete.

Annual Church Fair

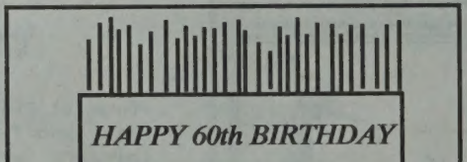
MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church on West Main Street will hold its Annual Church Fair on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be tables featuring handcrafts, homemade baked goods, raffles, candy, cheese, and a treasure table for bargain hunters. The kitchen will have doughnuts, muffins, corn chowder, hot dogs, coffee and cold drinks available.

Donations for bandstand

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand, whose purpose is to raise funds to construct a bandstand in town, has completed phase one of its campaign. Anyone wishing to donate to phase two is asked to make checks payable to The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand and mail to Charlotte L. Townsend, 364 Greenwood St., Millbury, MA 01527.

Not such a 'Horrible' parade

MILLBURY - Students at the Elmwood (top photo) and Shaw (bottom photo) Schools delighted families and school personnel by parading in Halloween costumes last Friday. This is an annual event at both the schools and always draws a large contingent of parents, grandparents, and pre-school age siblings who can't wait to take the walk themselves some day.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High School Activities

Vito Filipkowski gave a report on activities at the High School.

- Assemblies have been held at the Jr.-Sr High level in the areas of feminine hygiene and drug prevention. A canine show was presented by the State Police Canine Corps.

- The fall athletic programs have been successful, Filipkowski said, indicating both junior varsity and varsity girls and boys soccer teams have performed well with only one loss. Cross-country this year has brought out record numbers of participants, he said, and strict adherence to letter distribution will be required as a result of the large turnout.

- Senior class candy sales are going well, with 4000 bars sold. The top sellers are battling it out for first place and are gaining recognition for their efforts.

- Juniors and seniors are participating in a haunted house this year.

- An Ecology Club for grades 6-8 is being established.

- At staff meetings with the administration, Filipkowski said it has come out that the staff, as well as the administration, is not happy with the results from the method of distributing mid-term evaluation reports. "They are not being used as effectively as hoped," he said.

- A new "Failure Warning" has been developed whereby students and teachers sign the form, which is then mailed home. It was noted that parent-teacher conferences are being requested in larger numbers than before.

- High School student Jameson Gosselin has been informed by the Department of Education that he has been chosen a finalist along with seven other students who are eligible for a $2000 scholarship and a free trip to the U.S. Senate. Gosselin also is to participate in an essay contest at the Department of Education without any prior opportunity to prepare for the subject of the essay. The program Gosselin entered is related to a U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program .

- A bio-tech grant for math and science was not funded for this round but looks good for future funding.

- At a recent meeting, faculty expressed concerns with the parents' night format which both administrators and faculty have indicated needs a change. As a result of discussions, there will be a drastic change so as not to have parents leave in frustration after waiting in line all night and not really getting to speak to a teacher. The new proposed format, if the Committee approves, will have parents following their own child's schedule with a chance to get an overview of the homework and testing policies of each teacher and what each class covers for content. Filipkowski noted that parents will have a chance that night or any time following to seek individual conferences with their child's teachers. The Know Your School Night will be on Wednesday, November 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

- Enrollment at the high school is up. Filipkowski said that texts were found after scrounging around to cover the increase. He cautioned the Committee to consider the increase as a factor in the next four years.

- The Committee approved a Varsity Banquet for May 1993 and the date of graduation for the "Class of 1993" as Friday, May 28.

Elementary School Activities

Beverly Brown reported on projects and programs in progress or completed at the elementary level from K-6.

- A workshop on a whole language approach to reading was held with 40% of the staff involved. The approach is literature-based, with students reading novels and keeping journals. Brown said the program has been enthusiastically received and is successful. The PTA has been helpful in providing for the acquisition of books and novels.

- The Native American Perspectives Program has been a huge success again this year, Brown said, as students are presented alternatives to stereotyping Indians. The program also teaches that it is all right to be different and that even among the Indians there were differences. Each grade level developed their own project on those themes.

- An Eisenhower Grant application has been completed to introduce a change in teaching science with a more hands-on lab experiential approach being proposed. Brown suggested that the system look at ways to implement the approach, regardless of funding.

The PALMS Program with Framingham State College Math Department personnel will involve working with the staff from January through March. There is a requisite for the program that a Change Team be included with staff, parent, and school committee participation. The purpose is to look at objectives and long-range goals with the key element being to make systemic changes. Eventually it is expected that the system changes in math and science will extend all the way up through grade 12.

Roach expressed her pleasure with hearing the reports from Filipkowski and Brown, and said they gave the Committee the opportunity to feel more connected to the schools.

Baseball Field

Larry Salem, representing the Sutton Baseball League, sought approval from the Committee to renovate and rehabilitate an elementary school baseball field that is now not being used because it is wet. Salem proposed a cost of $12,000 for the work plus a cost of installation of a fence for $8,000 to be paid by the league with the stipulation that the league be given first priority to use the field after the school day. Salem also proposed moving a batting and pitching machine to a permanent position which he conceded could be delayed until later. He pleaded for approval to begin work on the field before the onset of Winter.

Committeeman Victor Kourey moved to give approval to do the work now, pending a check by the Superintendent on proper bidding procedures.

Roach noted that with the Building Use Policy in place, the league, as a youth organization, would get first priority.

The Committee approved Kourey's motion. The work will be done under contract by the league who will then turn over the maintenance and acceptance of the work to the school committee.

Curriculum study committee

Kourey suggested that the Curriculum Study Committee be activated to look at the curriculum on an ongoing basis and not just every three or four years. He asked how anyone can ascertain if the curriculum is being followed.

Perron and Filipkowski said the Committee could choose to activate the committee but also could wait until the accreditation process is over since that will be one of the committees that will involve staff and possibly school committee members.

Roach agreed that it might be more appropriate to wait until after the accreditation study is done.

Beverly Brown suggested that School Committee members get involved with the PALMS project which calls for committee participation in bringing systemic changes in curriculum.

Kourey said he would like to keep this issue on the agenda for future discussions.

Spence noted that if school reform goes through, the state could dictate the curriculum.

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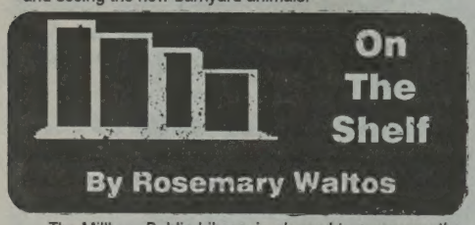
Cub Scout Pack 109

MILLBURY - The Pack 109 Cub Scouts will be holding their annual food drive in November. Non-perishable food items will be collected and turned into the pack at the bake sale. The annual Bake Sale will be held at Goretti's on Saturday, November 21, starting at 8 a.m. All pack families will be donating three baked items (or $10). Items may be given to den leaders on Friday or brought to Goretti's at 8 on Saturday. The pack leaders would like to thank Goretti's for their help in this important fund raiser for the boys.

The pack meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, at the Federated Church. Den leaders will be distributing information on the Bowl-a-Thon to be held Friday the 27th.

The pack's "wish list" includes flag stands for two flags and an automatic timer for the pinewood derby. If you can help, call Debbie Harris at 865-1243.

The Tiger Cubs (first graders) recently toured King's Farm in Sutton and had a great time learning about life on a farm and seeing the new barnyard animals.



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Back-to-school night

MILLBURY - The administration and teaching staff of the Millbury Public Schools invites all parents to participate in the Back-to-School Night Program on the following dates:
Thursday, November 19, Elmwood Street School (A-Z)
Tuesday, November 17, Shaw Elementary School (A-M)
Monday, November 23, Shaw Elementary School (N-Z)
Monday, November 16, Jr./Sr. High School (A-M)
Thursday, November 19, Jr./Sr. High School (N-Z)

Parents whose last name begins with (1st night) A-D 6:30-7:20 p.m.; E-H 7:20-8:10 p.m.; I-M 8:10-9:00 p.m..

(2nd Night): N-Q 6:30-7:20 p.m.; R-U 7:20-8:10 p.m.; V-Z 8:10-9:00 p.m.

Each school has been scheduled for its own Back-to-School Program. The Elmwood Street School (grades K-2) will have scheduled conferences from 1:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19th. Kindergarten will have scheduled conferences for the full day. This will be the only evening for parent conferences at the Elmwood School.

The Shaw Elementary School (grades 3-6) and the Jr./Sr. High School (grades 7-12) will each have two Black-to-School evenings. Parents whose last name begins with A-M will meet on the first evening. Those whose last name begins with N-Z will meet on the second evening. However, any parent who cannot make the specific time or evening can come in between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. All buildings will be open to parents from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. as noted above.

Teachers will be providing parents with the opportunity to discuss the progress of their youngsters. However, due to the number of parents who may be present, conferences will have to be brief. If a parent wishes to have a longer conference with his/her youngster's teacher, this should be arranged for a future time.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on roll calls from sessions at the end of September and on unrecorded roll calls from House action on the fiscal 1993 state budget. The House and Senate met only informally last week and there were no roll call votes. Formal sessions are expected to resume following the November elections.

ADULT LITERACY (H 5800) - House 147-0, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a budget section requiring the Education Department to coordinate a working committee to recommend adequate funding mechanisms for adult basic education and literacy services. Override supporters, noting the committee does not require funding, said this will help insure better literacy and education programs for AFDC recipients, the unemployed, school dropouts, immigrants and refugees. In his veto message, Governor Weld said the state has insufficient resources to spend time developing a program for which there is no funding. Moore and Kollios vote for the working committee.

INDEPENDENT LIVING (H 5800) - House 148-0 overrode Governor Weld's veto reduction of $100,000 (from $3.59 million to $3.49 million) in funding for the independent living assistance program. Override supporters said this $100,000 is necessary for adequate funding of this program to help disabled people who want to live on their own. In his veto message, Governor Weld said spending on programs must be limited to the projected revenues available.

Moore and Kollios voted for the $100,000.

MAP - House 148-1, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a budget section authorizing up to $30,000 for the creation of a definitive map of the town of Provincetown coastline to distinguish the area's historic high water marks. Override supporters said in order to comply with certain state regulations, many Provincetown landowners have had to pay private engineers up to $15,000 each to prepare necessary maps. They argued the state could draw one map for $30,000 and save many homeowners a lot of time and money. In his veto message, Weld said the project is not necessary. Moore and Kollios voted for the $30,000 map.

CONDOS (H 6074) - House 122-27, rejected an amendment to a bill giving Massachusetts condominium associations broader powers to collect fees owed by delinquent owners. The amendment would require associations to report to banks the identify of any unit owner who owes three months or more in condo fees. Amendment supporters said this will give banks this important information so they can put pressure on the delinquent owners to pay the overdue fees. Opponents said this requirement goes too far and will create a bureaucratic nightmare for condo associations which are already understaffed. The House later approved the bill on a voice vote and sent it to the Senate. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment.

EXTENSION House 113-34 approved an order extending from September 30 until November 12 the deadline for joint committees to act on all matters referred to them. Supporters said without the extension, rules require all bills to be reported out unfavorably at 5 p.m. on September 30. Opponents said committees have had since January to act on these bills. They argued these endless extensions will result in bills being rushed through without proper scrutiny after the November election. Moore and Kollios voted for the extension to November 12. The Senate approved the extension on a voice vote.

SURROGATE MOTHERS (H 1333) - Senate 29-6, gave near final approval to the bill stating that "a woman who has given birth to a child shall be deemed to be the mother" and prohibiting any agreement, signed before the child is born, from requiring the birth mother to be bound to give up the child for adoption. Supporters said this insures that surrogate mothers retain the four day period following birth to change their minds and noted many birth mothers do in fact change their minds. Opponents said the bill is unfair to the adoptive parents and would essentially eliminate surrogate parenting guarantees. The bill later received final approval in both branches on a voice vote and was sent to Governor Weld. Amorello voted for the bill.

LIBRARY (H 5800) - Senate 28-8, overrode Governor Weld's veto of state reimbursement of $144,530 to Peabody for library construction. Override supporters argued this is another example of a small sum of money which is important to a particular city and yet was vetoed by Weld. Opponents said costs for library construction will be reimbursed for all eligible cities and towns in 1995 and argued this piecemeal approach is inappropriate. Amorello voted for the $144,530.

OVERLAY (H 5600) House 90-64, rejected an amendment replacing the section providing that assessors in cities and towns exempt overlay accounts from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2. Overlay accounts include money put aside for property tax abatements. The amendment would allow the local appropriating authority to place the exemption question on the ballot at a regular election for voters to decide. Amendment supporters said voters, not the legislature, should decide whether to approve this exemption which will result in property tax hikes. Opponents claimed this change in Prop 2 1/2 will help cash starved cities and towns. The automatic exemption remained part of the final version of the budget and was vetoed by Governor Weld. The legislature has not yet acted on this veto. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment giving voters the power to exempt overlay accounts.

HEALTH INSURANCE (H 5600) - House 118-35, rejected an amendment requiring any newly hired state employees to pay 25% of the cost of their health insurance. Current state employees pay only 10%. Amendment supporters said this will not affect current employees, but will save the state millions of dollars by making future employees' contributions more in line with the private sector. Opponents claimed the increase is unfair to new employees who are struggling during the recession. Moore and Kollios voted against the 25% contribution.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (H 5600) - House 91-58, rejected an amendment reducing funding for the Revenue Department by $9 million (from $104 million to $95 million). Amendment supporters said the reduction will help balance the budget and argued the $9 million was not requested by the Governor. Opponents said the $9 million is necessary and argued this funding is cost effective and will enhance tax collections. Moore voted against the cut; Kollios voted for the cut.

ENTERPRISE ZONES (H 5600) - House 109-40, rejected a lengthy amendment allowing for the creation and implementation of enterprise zones in the partnership between business and government. They noted it will provide various tax incentives to attract private sector investment in depressed areas and help create jobs and stimulate business, neighborhood and housing growth. Opponents maintained that the legislature is working on a better plan and argued major legislation like this should be the subject of a separate bill and public hearings. Moore and Kollios voted against the enterprise zone amendment.

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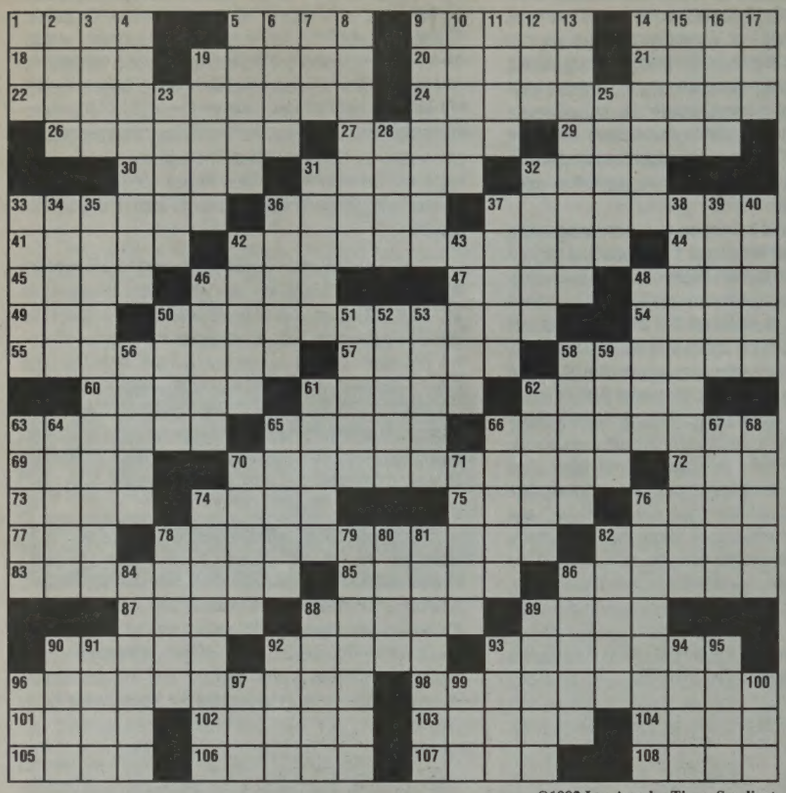

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By Frances Hansen

ACROSS

1 "Lackaday!"
5 Word with up or off
9 Put off
14 "Nana" author
18 Except
19 Dolphins' home
20 Martini embellishment
21 — even keel
22 Clamdigger-carpetmaker product?
24 Candlemaker-orchardist product?
26 Flying formation
27 Caesar's "veni", in English
29 Tilting
30 Western Indians
31 Smoker-attenders
32 King of comedy
33 Regular customer
36 Show mercy
37 "...— for drink again.": Cowley
41 Dispatch boat
42 Bellringer-dentist products?
44 Sheherazade's room
45 Alaskan gold rush center
46 Morrison or Tennille
47 Like some grapes
48 Prudish one
49 Summer in Noisy-le-Sec
50 Farmer-croupier products?
54 Neighbor of Kan.
55 First to bid the trump suit
57 Actor John of "Carousel"
58 Admit the public again
60 Artery
61 Sawlike part
62 Memorable diva —Curci
63 Sealed container for medicine
65 Colonial patriot Silas
66 Dublin dollies
69 Put in the air
70 Upholsterer-biologist products?
72 "— sweet it is"
73 Alternative test answer
74 Beget
75 Hardy or Rooney
76 First name in spydom
77 Suffix for fac or spec
78 Dogbreeder-film producer product?
82 Deadly
83 Flowering vine
85 Broods
86 Sibelius's "Valse —"
87 1975 Wimbledon champ
88 Put up one's dukes
89 The old noodle
90 Issei's son
92 Mud volcano
93 Stimulates, new style
96 Dowser-plumber product?
98 Poultryman-baker products?
101 State firmly
102 Ancient Greek region
103 Papas from Greece
104 "— Liberal, ...": Matthew Arnold
105 Prom locales
106 Dark-complected
107 Lhasa —, Tibetan dog
108 Claudius I's birthplace

DOWN

1 Balaam's reprover
2 Like Marquand's George Apley
3 "— plaisir!"
4 Pipefish's cousin
5 Weather satellite
6 Merit
7 Popular puzzle bird
8 Kind of watch or computer
9 Stately matron
10 Western actor Jack and family
11 Idée — (obsession)
12 Woman not born of woman
13 Colorful tree
14 Dancer Vera of "On Your Toes"
15 Blame
16 Café au —
17 Tiny colonist
19 Casaba, for one
23 Copycat's phrase
25 Loses energy
28 Eng. combustion device
31 Divorced
32 Cattle county of Scotland
33 Like an aching window?
34 Cast —: use the ballot box
35 Clockmaker-druggist product?
36 Submarine detection device
37 Take under one's wing
38 Butcher-milliner products?
39 Roman official
40 Astronomer Carl
42 "When I Take My Sugar —"
43 "... bird? — plane?..."
46 Rich cake
48 Dr. Jekyll's servant
50 Brit. legislature
51 Mountain nymph
52 Chili con —
53 Took on
56 — up (botch)
58 Cheerleaders' pep meeting
59 Building wings
61 Passover dinner
62 Winners' medals
63 White elephant's resting place
64 Aesop's fable addendum
65 Bells the cat
66 "For 2 — Plain"
67 — home (out)
68 Low, marshy area
70 Puckish elf
71 Printer's mark
74 Russell Baker's "— Depravity"
76 One of a ship's "sheets"
78 More vile
79 Regard beamingly
80 Swine
81 "Mad Scene" maiden
82 Metz money
84 Laser relatives
86 Pied-a— (town house)
88 Muslim performing beggar
89 Good, in the barrio
90 Maritime enforcer
91 List particular
92 Yemen capital
93 Rigging
94 Breezy assent
95 Captain of the Nautilus
96 Quipster
97 At present
99 Dada artist
100 Puccini's Cio-Cio —

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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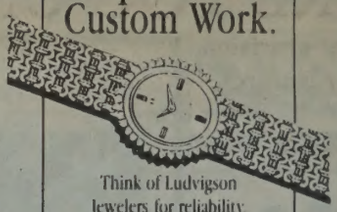

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November 5, 1992

TOWN OF MILLBURY
FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual City and Town Financial Report (Schedule A) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 for the Town of Millbury, Massachusetts is completed and it is available for public inspection in the Town Auditor's office, 127 Elm Street, on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Roger R. Picard
Town Auditor

Drum Corps open house

BOSTON - The Boston Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corps will host an Open House for all interested brass, percussion, and color guard students between the ages of 15 and 21 on Saturday, November 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown. Anyone interested should call the Drum Corps office at (617)242-1025.

Craft Fair

WORCESTER - The Belmont Home Pumpkin Patch Fair benefit for resident's activities will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. There will be crafts, notions, Christmas items, home baked goods, candy, a flea market, ceramics, and refreshments. There will also be drawings for a handmade quilt, Ice Capade tickets, and more. Admission is free.

Holly Day Fair

WORCESTER - Quinsigamond Methodist Church, 9 Stebbins St., will hold its Holly Day Fair on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured will be handcrafts, plants, yule trim, a bakery, a white elephant table, and Swedish Kaffe Stuga.

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Matson said the date was originally changed from Saturday to Tuesday because people were too busy working in their yards and driving their children around to little league and soccer games on Saturdays.

The annual town elections will remain on the second Tuesday in April.

Article 7, passed without debate, allows the town to pay up to $6581.41 in payroll taxes that were overexpended in a previous year.

An early retirement incentive proposal passed by the legislature, which requires approval by both town meeting and the Board of Selectmen, was approved by the voters.

Sylvio Bourdeau questioned the proposal because he said the Selectmen have not been able to pin down the cost to the town and whether there would be any savings.

Board Chairman Jude Cristo explained that if the article was accepted tonight, the town would not be locked into the plan as the selectmen still have not taken a vote. He said tonight's vote would give the Board an opportunity to use the plan in the budget process. "I am not saying whether we will be offering this or not," Cristo said. "We will look at if it is feasible or not. There is a possibility of some savings depending on who the people are who take advantage of this plan." Eight people already have expressed interest.

Elaine Hall, of Davis Rd. a cafeteria worker in the school system, spoke persuasively in favor of the plan and urged voters to consider employee loyalty and service and not only financial costs. "I can't help but think," she said, "that the School Committee has spent thousands for administration, but what happens to the average worker who puts in years of dependable, reliable service, who doesn't abuse or use up sick leave?" She also noted that each department would be responsible for the cost in its own budget.

Articles 10 and 11, calling for a transfer of funds from the stabilization fund to construct a spillway and gatehouse at Lake Singletary, were passed after the defeat of a Finance Committee recommendation for indefinite postponement.

FinCom Chairman Bruce Arrington noted that his committee's recommendation was based on their view that the two items should have been included in the regular budget.

Cristo said the town needed engineering work completed before a figure could be established for the work.

Three thousand dollars will be transferred from the stabilization fund for the spillway and $950 for materials for the gatehouse. The gatehouse will be built by the Mass. Carpenters Training School at no cost for the labor.

Harris Ave. resident Axel Linder called attention to the importance of the spillway and said the town spends more than $3,000 when sandbags must be put in place to avoid flooding.

Article 12, which required a two-thirds vote, was approved by a slim margin. The tally was 73 in favor and 37 opposed to expend a sum of $40,000 to contract for expert appraisal of taxable property.

An article for acceptance of an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for the State, to be expended by the Blackstone Valley Regional School District for Direct Educational Services, was also approved.

A general by-law to regulate bio-medical research within the town was accepted without debate. The article was submitted by the Planning Board.

An Aquifer Bylaw, also submitted by the Planning Board, went down in defeat after some discussion. It was suggested that voters be allowed more time to read and digest the lengthy article.

Planning Board Chairwoman Ann Kniskern noted that a public hearing was held on the bylaw and that it was printed in its entirety in the local papers.

The last action taken by the voters was the approval of an article accepting Cyndy Lane and Nicole Drive as public ways.

MBTA Advisory Committee meeting

MILLBURY - The Millbury MBTA Advisory Committee will hold a Public Information Forum to solicit citizen input over the proposed MBTA commuter rail station in East Millbury on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:15 in the Millbury High School cafeteria. All interested citizens are invited to present concerns and questions on the proposed project.

146 Project Report at Library

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, has the complete set (17 volumes) of the Route 146/Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR), including its Supplemental Engineering Document and all accompanying Technical Reports. This information is provided by HNTB, Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff.

Meatball Supper

SUTTON - A Meatball Supper will be held on Saturday, November 14, at the West Sutton Community Hall, 659 Central Turnpike, from 4:45 to 7 p.m. The menu will include juice, mashed potatoes, meatballs and gravy, carrots, harvard beets, rolls and butter, hot and cold beverages, and apple crisp. This event is sponsored by the West Sutton Baptist Church and proceeds will be added to the repair fund. Tickets, available at the door, are $6.50 for adults and $3.00 for children 6-12.

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